

Lafayette Police Department Citizens Police Academy

The Lafayette Police Department's Citizens Academy is an educational outreach program designed to provide citizens a greater understanding of the inter-workings of their police department and of the role that law enforcement plays within the criminal justice system.

The Citizens Academy meets one evening per week for 10-weeks, usually from 6:00pm-8:30pm. These classroom sessions are held in the city council chambers, located inside Lafayette City Hall. During these classroom sessions, two topics are presented to participants by sworn personnel. The subject of these presentations will involve the operations and responsibilities of a division within the police department or a specialized law enforcement function. In addition to the classroom sessions, participants are encouraged to conduct "ride-alongs" with our patrol officers, allowing for a real-life perspective on contemporary policing.

The Lafayette Police Department will host one Citizens Police Academy session per year, beginning in early April and ending in early June. Class size is limited to 25 participants. We will begin accepting applications for participation January 1, for the 2009 session.

Lt. Chris Weaver
Academy Coordinator

Class of 2008

